

CARNEGIE SVRA WET WEATHER CLOSURE POLICY



A new wet weather closure policy has been established at Carnegie SVRA for the winter of 2012/13 to ensure public safety and protect water quality.

Over the past few years, State Parks and the Water Board have partnered to draft a Storm Water Management Plan for Carnegie SVRA. The Park is required to implement this plan, which includes closure of all hills if the rainfall totals listed below are reached. The lower portions of the Park will likely remain open, and the tracks, valley floor, and Park store will likely be available.

The hills will close if rainfall totals are:

- More than 0.30" in 12 hours
- More than 0.50" in 24 hours
- More than 0.65" in 48 hours

The hills will remain closed until the following criteria are met:

- Site conditions are safe
- No environmental or resource concerns exist
- Storm water best management practices (BMPs) are functional and in good condition, such as rolling dips and basins
- The hills have been closed for at least 12 hours
- The hill slopes have dried sufficiently and soils are stable enough to support OHV use. This will be determined at the monitoring locations and hill areas using the following criteria: presence of surface water, excessive soil rutting by vehicles, BMP damage, and insufficient traction for support vehicles (see Figures 1-6 below)

To find out about conditions at Carnegie before you come out to ride, you can do the following things:

- Check Carnegie's Facebook page for the latest updates at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Carnegie-SVRA/203533419677830>
- Check the Carnegie web site at <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/carnegie>. The web site has links to Carnegie's Facebook page, local weather forecasts, and the weather station at the Park which gives rainfall totals.
- The weather station can also be found at <http://www.weatherlink.com/user/celsholz/index.php?view=main&headers=1>
- Check the weather forecast for Tracy, CA
- Call the Park at (925) 447-9027

The Storm Water Management Plan is part of the process of keeping the Park open for future generations. Responsible land management, including protecting water quality and visitor safety, will ensure that high-quality recreation will continue at Carnegie SVRA.



Figure 1. Example of significant rutting and unstable conditions.
The indentations were created by a typical emergency response vehicle.

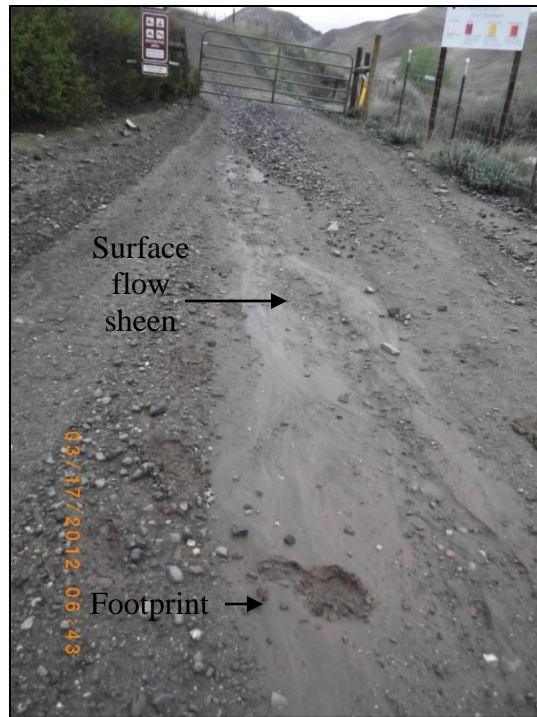


Figure 2. Unstable site conditions. The impression of the footprint and sheen of surface flow suggest the site is not dry enough to reopen.



Figure 3. Example of unstable site conditions. The impression of the footprints suggest the site is not dry enough to reopen.



Figure 4. Example of significant rutting and unstable conditions.
The indentations were created by a typical emergency response vehicle.



Figure 5. Example of stable conditions.
Recent vehicular activity in the foreground show minimal signs of rutting.



Figure 6: Example of stable conditions. Recent vehicular activity in the foreground show minimal signs of rutting.